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## Items of Interest Locally

G. H. Kent was in Medicine Hat this week.

Mrs. P. H. Thibodeau has returned from a visit to Ontario.

Mrs. L. Puffer spent Christmas with her parents in Macleod.

Mrs. Collier and daughters have returned from a visit to friends in the United States.

The Lacombe Skating Rink opened on Tuesday night for this season. The prices set for season tickets are \$5.00 for men, \$3.50 for ladies and \$2.50 for children.

The "Mother Goose visit to Santa Claus Land" at the Presbyterian church on Tuesday night was a highly successful entertainment. A large audience was in attendance and all enjoyed it thoroughly.

The Christmas tree and entertainment held in the Methodist church on Monday evening was highly successful. The children taking part in the performance were well trained for the occasion and acquitted themselves creditably. The performances of the elder ones were also exceedingly good. The church was well filled and rang with the hearty applause of an appreciative audience.

## MARRIAGE

Napper-McNaughton.—At Swift Current, Sask., on Dec. 10th, by Rev. C. B. McKinnon, Harriet B. McNaughton to Gordon H. Napper.

## Spring Valley

Nomination meeting at the school house on Monday Jan. 5, 1914.

School will be open on Tuesday, Jan. 6, with Miss Craig of Portage in Prairie as teacher.

Miss Rothnie left for Manitoba on Saturday expecting to eat Xmas dinner with her parents. She will be greatly missed as she was a favorite with everybody.

The school entertainment on Friday night was a huge success. There was a large crowd and a good programme well rendered. Miss Rothnie had her pupils well drilled. There was also outside talent which was highly appreciated. The Xmas tree was loaded with all sorts of presents for the little folks.

## DEATH

Mrs. Keith who had been an invalid for some time was called to her long home on Saturday last, and was buried at Lacombe on the 23rd. She was a pioneer of the district locating here in 1900. She leaves behind to mourn her death, a husband, four sons and one daughter. She had reached the age of sixty three.

## First Sod of A. & C. W. Turned

Edmonton, Dec. 26.—The first sod of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railroad will be turned Saturday afternoon at a point north of the Sturgeon river, east of St. Albert, at the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia crossing of the river. It will be here that the junction of the two railroads will be made in order that they may use the same terminals and have one entrance to the city.

Under the act of the last session of the Alberta Legislature, under which the A. & G. W. railway was taken over by J. D. McArthur who is building the E. D. & B. C. railway, it was specifically required that a start in construction of the A. & G. W. railway be made before Dec. 31st of this year.

The turning of the first sod tomorrow will not be in the nature of a technical start only. It is not Mr. McArthur's intention to delay actual construction work. A large force of men will be put to work in clearing the right of way of the line, which has already been located for ten miles. Supplies for next summer's work will also be taken in, thus providing employment for many men.

Mr. McArthur has adopted the method of filling plans with the provincial department of railways for each ten miles of the line as the work proceeds.

This is actually the second time for the "first sod" of the A. & G. W. railway to be turned. In 1910, under the abortive contract with W. R. Clark, of Kansas City, a start was made on the line at a point near Battensburg on the Sturgeon river, northeast of the city.

Litigation which resulted in the elimination of Clark then followed, and tomorrow will see the first real start on the line from Edmonton to Fort McMurray.

The first step in the actual commencement of operations by the rehabilitated A. & G. W. railway company was taken on Wednesday when the provincial treasurer's department received a cheque from J. D. McArthur for \$950,000, being the accrued interest at 3 1/2 per cent on \$7,400,000, the proceeds of the sale of the A. & G. W. bonds.

## Rouses Anger of Specialists

London, Dec. 26.—Sir Frederick Treves, one of the greatest living surgeons, who bears among many high-sounding titles that of sergeant-surgeon to the King, surgeon-in-ordinary to the Queen, and formerly surgeon-extraordinary to Queen Victoria and the late King Edward, has provoked the virulent ire of the eminent specialists of his country by uttering a warning against the brilliant members of his own profession of surgery.

"There is no person," says Sir Frederick, "of whom I would

have greater fear than the brilliant surgeon, and if it fell to my lot to have to undergo an operation I should carefully select one who was not brilliant. Hard work produces better results than brilliancy."

Eminent surgeons declare they are living from day to day on their reputations—always working at the highest point of achievement. But what Sir Frederick is understood to be hitting at is the growing habit of brilliant surgeons of advising operations on insufficient grounds when big fees are assured.

Sir Frederick has retired from active practice, being past 60. For the past 14 years he has been chief surgeon to the British royal family.

## Big Offer Made to Secure Pardon

New York, Dec. 26.—That Elmer E. Tolman, business successor of Daniel Tolman, a money lender now serving a term of six months, is ready to surrender without reserve, notes amounting to \$500,000 and go out of business to secure a pardon for his father, is the statement made Christmas night by Benjamin F. Spellman, counsel for Tolman. Application for a pardon was made to Governor Glynn Tuesday.

Mr. Spellman said that Elmer E. Tolman was willing to meet any conditions which the attorney-general might wish to impose. In addition to surrendering the notes without reserve of any kind, he is prepared to have the state attorney draw up the papers in case those which he had submitted should fail to meet his approval. Mr. Tolman, Jr., agrees to close as many of his places of business as possible before January 1, and all of them by May, 1914, should further evidence of good faith be desired, the applicant would be willing to have the pardon made conditional upon the performance of all promises made. The notes in question affect 25,000 persons; it is said and most of them represent loans of about \$20. This indebtedness would be cancelled in each instance.

## Swiss Aviator Flies Over Alps

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 26.—Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, made a successful flight across the Alps today, though for several hours he was unable to see his way because of the heavy fog which hung over the mountains. The aviator arrived here at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, after a journey from Bae, from which place he started at 9 a.m.

Bider said that after leaving the French aerodrome he was forced to maintain an altitude of 6,500 feet

almost constantly in order to avoid the fog. He passed over the Jura, the chain of mountains separating France from Switzerland without being able to see any landmarks, but recovered his bearings on sighting the Jungfrau, one of the most famous mountains of the Swiss Alps, about half an hour before he came to Berne.

## Gas Struck at Camrose

Edmonton Dec. 26.—There was great excitement at Camrose yesterday afternoon when gas was struck in the well which is being bored by the International Supply Company on behalf of the Camrose Natural Gas company. At a depth of 1,235 feet, which is two feet below the supposed gas strata, a tremendous volume of gas was encountered, the flow being estimated at half a million feet in twenty-four hours.

After the well had been copped, the gas was lighted, the flame reaching upwards for over twenty feet. Owing to the fact that by agreement the town can take over the franchise, there was great jubilation in Camrose last night. It is likely that other wells will be drilled as soon as the necessary machinery can be installed.

## Sad Tragedy in Calumet

Calumet, Dec. 24.—Four score persons, mostly children, were killed tonight at a Xmas celebration by copper mine strikers in an Italian hall because of a needless panic caused by a false alarm of fire.

While several hundred miners and their wives looked on the children pressed eagerly towards the stage to receive Christmas presents. In an instant a man put his head in at the door of the hall and yelled "Fire." The cry was taken up by those in the hall. Everyone started for the doors. The weaker ones were thrown to the floor and those behind tried to climb over those ahead of them.

The stairway and other avenues of egress were blocked so effectively that those inside could not get out and those without could not get in to aid the panic stricken crowd in the hall. It was some time before the panic subsided.

The alarm was spread outside the hall by a few who had been near the door, and had escaped unhurt. A crowd soon assembled, and the work of clearing the hall was begun. The principal exit was a narrow stairway at the back of the hall. When this had been cleared of the bodies that filled it to the top, and quick accounting had been made, it was found that seventy-four corpses had been piled up beside the hall building. It is thought a dozen others were carried away by friends.

The dead was piled up side by side, the girls numbering 37, boys 19, women 13, and five men.

## The Abolition of Horse Thieves Near Stettler

Provincial wide prohibition is the goal of the temperance forces in Saskatchewan. The government have consented to submit the question of the abolition of the bar to the electors within a year. The time is not too long to affect an organization, conduct a winning educational campaign and arouse the lethargic elements of the population so that not less than fifty thousand qualified voters will register their opinion. The meagre vote polled in the case of the direct legislation bill serves as a forceful reminder that the great majority of the electors are not easily interested in a campaign apart from personalities and the superficial excitement of a political contest. To right principles the reform forces will have to add a novel and spectacular crusade if victory is to crown their efforts.

More to be expected but not less to be feared than the indifference of the many will be the spirited and thoroughly organized effort of the vested interests. Men who are depending for a living and their hope of worldly success upon "the traffic" will not stand idly by while their opponents seek to undermine them. The trade is lucrative. From the fortunes that have been easily made it will not be difficult to gather an enormous campaign fund and in a contest money is powerful. The Saskatchewan experiment will attract Dominion wide recognition.

Leaders of the temperance movement are breaking with the principle of local option limited to small communities that has been followed with more or less success for some years. "Abolish the Bar" has become the slogan of a provincial-wide campaign endorsed and led by the liberal party in Ontario. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the same goal has been fixed apart from any political affiliations, but in the latter the campaign is now given a definiteness that should greatly accelerate the movement.

## Emigration Mania in England

London, Dec. 21.—England faces rather a serious problem in what the board of Agriculture calls "The emigration mania." Correspondents in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Devonshire, Cornwall, Somersetshire, Dorsetshire, Wiltshire and Hampshire blame the insurance act.

Eleven out of every twenty-one men in one troop of yeomanry in Yorkshire are now in Canada.

A Truro correspondent writes of 150 cases in Cornwall in six weeks and some hundreds from North Devon are going in the spring time. From Poole, Dorset, over two hundred have gone to Canada in a year. From the Canterbury district in Kent, almost three hundred people have gone.

Stettler Alta. Dec. 22.—A band of horse thieves are at work in the district north of Monitor and Vetteran, and ranchers up in that district have reported to the mounted police that they have altogether lost over thirty head of horses. Yesterday fifteen of these were recovered near Monitor. They had been sold to farmers in the district, and it is thought that the others have been disposed of in the same way and will be recovered.

The farmers, who purchased the horses said they were driven in that district by three men, who came from the north. These men said the horses were for sale, and the figure asked was such that they had not much difficulty of disposing of them.

The police here have a description of the men, and they expect before long to have the thieves behind the bars.

Several hold-ups have also been reported in this district, and it is thought that the horse thieves are also responsible for these. On Wednesday night, two brothers, named Smith, were driven some little way out of the town of Vetteran where they were held up by three masked men at the point of revolvers, and told to hand over their valuables. The men gave their pocketbooks containing in the neighborhood of \$200. They reported the matter to the police, and although they could not describe the features of the men, it is thought that the perpetrators were the horse thieves.

Suspector Hefferman, of the local police has despatched four constables to effect the arrest, which it is thought will have to be pulled off with every caution, as the thieves appear to be desperate men.

## Big Storm on East Coast

New York, Dec. 26.—Two men drowned in the East river and ten men of the crews of two barges wrecked on the New Jersey coast, given up as lost is the cost in human lives of the storm which swept over this city and vicinity early this morning.

Most of the property losses are due to bulkheads giving way to onslaught of the waves followed by a gale which at one time was 50 miles an hour. Two three-masted barges whose crews have been given up as lost were in tow of the sea-going tug, Edward F.

While the storm was at its height the barges broke away and then drifted in shore midway between life saving stations 15 and 16, six miles south of Secaucus Park, N. J. At 9:30 this morning only one of the barges was visible and on it was the form of a man; it disappeared later.

Heroic efforts on the part of the life saving crew have so far failed to reveal a single survivor of the wreck. Two men drowned here were long-shoremen whose boat was caught in the storm and swamped.

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## CANADA'S CREDIT SUFFERS

Canada's credit is distinctly suffering under the spectacular and inept management of Hon. W. T. White, Mr. Borden's Finance Minister. During fifteen years, Hon. W. S. Fielding had carefully guarded the credit of the Dominion as one of its most precious assets. Loans were avoided as far as possible, and when they were required, such was the confidence inspired by Hon. Mr. Fielding's methods, that he was able to negotiate loans at rates varying from 2½ to 3½ per cent. These loans were invariably regarded as gilt edged securities and were eagerly taken up by the British investing public. It was this ready appetite for Canadian Government securities which kept the interest rate down. It was the excellent condition of Canadian finance and Hon. Mr. Fielding's modest demands on the money market that whetted the appetite of the British investors.

Canadian credit thus stood high until the defeat of the Laurier government in 1911. It has remained for the Borden government, which came to office with loud protestations of economy to antagonize the big financial interests of London because of its inordinate and incessant demand for loans. Where Hon. Mr. Fielding's offerings were welcomed as opportunities for sound investment and sold at a premium, Hon. Mr. White's latest \$20,000,000 loan was so coldly received that the "Pall Mall Gazette" referred to it as "The biggest fiasco that has been seen for a long time past in any part of the world." The London Morning Post was an even sharper critic, declaring that the Canadian Finance Minister had so clouded his financial methods that the English lenders could not find out the real standing of the Canadian Government debtor. It is further intimated that Hon. Mr. White had first tried to borrow \$30,000,000, but was brusquely told that he had dipped into the loan market too often and had better curb his appetite by at least \$10,000,000. As a result when the Canadian loan was put on the market the British investing public bought just \$3,400,000 worth. The balance of \$16,600,000 remained on the hands of the underwriters who will have to carry this mass of undigested securities until the public buys them. And this, with a Canadian Government loan at 4 per cent, which was placed with the underwriters at 97!

## LEADER AND LIEUTENANT

Two notable events have occurred in the political world during the past week. Chief of these was the great Liberal demonstration at Montreal in honour of Hon. W. S. Fielding as Chief Editor of the Montreal Daily Telegraph, and his chief, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with the latter's reiteration of the Liberal policy of free food and the duty of the Government to reduce the cost of living.

Interesting in a different manner was the incursion of three of Mr. Borden's Cabinet ministers in an effort to end the Tory family quarrel in South Lanark. This letter was made remarkable by the appeal of Hon. Mr. Foster that "The Borden Government has not yet

had time to settle down to the gall of Government." This after two years of office! Before the Laurier Government had been one year in office they had reformed the tariff and introduced the first British preference the Empire had ever known.

In addition to this was the significant denunciation by Col. Hon. Sam Hughes that Lt. Col. Borden was in danger of running in South Lanark as an Independent Conservative candidate had forgotten both the discipline of the militia and of the Orange order.

The South Lanark episode, after two years of Conservative administration was pitiful in comparison with the united and enthusiastic Liberal demonstration that same night at Montreal after two years of Opposition.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid down his platform of free food in the following clear terms:

"If the tariff were reduced, as I propose to do, we would take away the coat which weighs upon the poorer classes of the community. It does not affect so much those who sit at this board, but it does affect very closely the artisan, the mechanic, the clerk, the clergyman, the professor, the teacher. We are fighting for the wives, for the mothers, for the children; we are fighting even for those abjected men, who, with reduced wages, have to face the coming of a cold Canadian winter."

Sir Wilfrid further referred to the splendid work of the tariff commission after the election of his first government of 1896 and declared:

"I will tell you what we would do if we were in office now, what Mr. Fielding would do if he were in office. He would go on as head of a commission, on which the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Minister of Customs, the Minister of Labor would sit, and they would go all over the country from Halifax to Victoria investigating the situation, asking the producer to give testimony, asking the working men to give testimony, and asking the manufacturers of every large city to find what would be the best means of reducing the tariff, so as to bring down the cost of living, and doing no injustice to anybody. We have done it before. We can do it again."

Hon. Mr. Fielding trenchantly criticized the present government for its vacillating inaction and ridiculed their course in waiting to see what the new American tariff would do before daring to undertake any tariff reform for themselves. That Mr. Fielding would not rest upon his laurels but go forward with his leader to fresh victories was shown by his ringing declaration—"We are living in a new century; a century in which new conditions are arising. It is the age of a democracy. It is the age in which the great mass of people in this country is going to make a charge, and the worker is going to demand a larger share of the fruits of his labor."

It was throughout a splendid demonstration by a party now in Opposition, and from first to last it tingled with the living sense of a party so closely in touch with the people that no doubt could be felt that whenever the people should be called upon they would be triumphantly returned to power.

## RESULT OF A BLUNDER

Mr. M. K. Cowan, arguing in the Western Freight Rates case at Ottawa before the Railway Commission recently, pointed out that if the East were entitled to its present rates because of water competition and density of business, the West should be entitled to similar rates because of its natural conditions such as no grades or curves, together with its increasing and prospective increase in traffic. He submitted that under present conditions the same rates should prevail from Fort William west as from Fort William east.

Mr. M. K. Cowan, K. C., is not only a prominent lawyer, but an old Parliamentarian and for some years was Assistant General Counsel for the G. T. Ry. Co. He has had lots of experience in railroad legal work and is practically qualified to understand conditions.

During the final debate in parliament last June on the proposal to present Mackenzie and Mann with a subsidy gift of over \$15,000,000, Hon. Frank Oliver moved:

"The granting of such subsidy and the receipt thereof, shall be subject to the condition that such companies within two months from the date of the passing of this Act submit to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada a schedule of traffic rates upon the lines of such companies, now or hereafter to be constructed west of Fort William which shall be the same as now are applied to the lines of the said companies in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, except in so far and to such extent as to the said Railway Companies may be able to establish higher cost of operation of such lines west of Fort William, and the said schedule shall be subject to the authority and control of the said Board of Railway Commissioners to be revised and adjusted by them in accordance with the foregoing provision."

This just demand was promptly voted down by the solid Government forces, the Liberals voting as solidly for it.

Had the Government accepted the Liberal demand that Mackenzie and Mann should give a fair quid pro quo for this \$15,000,000 gift, much of the sting would have been taken out of the present protracted proceedings before the Railway Commission in the effort to secure by legal means justice which the Borden Government has refused to the West.

## BODY OF WOMAN FROZEN IN ICE

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Standing like a piece of statuary in the ice, the body of a well dressed woman was found in the Mississippi river this morning, within half a block of the huge municipal Christmas tree. She had evidently jumped from the high bridge. She was a blond, aged about 35, regular features, expensive clothes. Half the body was frozen into the ice, and the other half was above. She had broken through the ice in her mad leap. She wore fur and silks. The body was so firmly frozen that firemen had to chop it out with axes.

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## WANTS HARD TIMES

Hon. T. W. Crothers, so-called Minister of Labor, on December 8th turned his intellect towards the high cost of living. This is what he said: "To my mind the high cost of living is an indication of the prosperity and expansion of the country. If you want cheap living give us a few years of hard times."

This novel doctrine considerably astonished the country. That is not sound however, is shown by the fact that for months past there has been a decline in trade, which is being reflected in decreased customs revenue, while for the first time in years the cry of the unemployed is heard throughout the land. For many people throughout the Dominion hard times are already here. Yet the cost of living has increased in a marked degree every month, and it is still going up.

Hon. Mr. Crothers was nearer the truth when he described himself as not the Minister of Labour, but the "Minister of Play." It was as Minister of Play that he with Brother Price had a joy ride across the continent to look over the Nanaimo strike situation, when they succeeded in stirring up the strikers to violence. It was as Minister of Play that Mr. Crothers then hurried off with Mrs. Crothers to England for a delightful trip to the country's expense, while the Nanaimo strike raged and the militia were called out, and are still on duty to put down violence, while other ministers dealt with severe labour troubles on the I. O. R. Hon. Mr. Crothers is one of a number of Mr. Borden's colleagues in the Cabinet who are playing with the interests of the people. The next election will end their game.

## REVENUE IS DROPPING

When the Borden Government came to office in October 1911, they found the treasury full, the revenue buoyant, trade increasing, and prosperity everywhere. Canada had never been in such a happy condition as it was previous to the time that Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid down the reins of office. No matter how Premier Borden and his heterogeneous group of colleagues might blunder they could not immediately stem the tide of prosperity. They blundered blindly along for a year or more, hoping that luck would pull them through. They played ducks and drakes with the treasury, grabbed everything in sight and borrowed in England when funds ran short; the country's business was run by deputies and occasional ministers, while the rest of the Cabinet enjoyed themselves travelling around in private cars and Government steamboats.

By September last the wave of Liberal progress and prosperity

had spent its force. There had been nothing done to continue it. From that time there has been a continual reversion to the unhappy state of affairs that obtained prior to the election of the Liberal Government in 1896.

In October 1913, the gross revenue dropped \$593,948 as compared with the same month of the previous year. In November it dropped \$742,797. During September, October and November the Customs revenue declined by \$2,661,034, showing that merchants were trimming their sails for reduced trade. The public debt increased \$327,920 during October and November. The expenditures of the Government for September, October and November were \$44,015,920, or \$3,104,648 more than for the same three months of the previous year.

It is this high living by the Government that means high cost of living for the man who pays the taxes.

## HIGH COST OF LIVING COMMISSION

The commission to investigate cost of living will begin work after the holidays, will spend some time turning over files and conning departmental records in Ottawa, and will afterward visit such and so many points as is deemed expedient. Unless the board attains a rate of progress greater than is common to commissions the investigating part of its duty will fill in the time until next fall, and the preparation of the report take up six months more. This would prevent parliament acting on the report until 1916, and of course any proposal for parliamentary action in the meantime will be voted down as inadvisable in view of the commission having been appointed. Anyone who has been hoping for some measure of relief at the coming session of parliament may as well dismiss the hope and meet the disappointment at once. The chances are that there be no relief at either the approaching or the succeeding session.

## W. F. STEVENS TALKS ON SHEEP.

At a recent farmers' institute meeting in the district of Hazelmore, Macleod, Alta., W. F. Stevens, live stock commissioner for Alberta, gave an address on sheep raising. He believed that there was nothing more advantageous to the farmer than a flock of sheep. There are 680 known varieties of weeds and sheep will eat 500 kinds. Sheep, therefore, can successfully fight weeds. They are good soil packers, preventing drifting and thus saving labor for man and beast. Sheep need no costly equipment. Farmers could combine to keep

a herder. A flock of 1,500 sheep would clean summer fallow. Sheep need but little attention. They require a variety of food as all animals do—after a succulent feed then dry prairie grass. They pay the farmer well for his trouble—less trouble than he gives to his cows and pigs—for in selling the mutton and wool, and in the young lambs they bring him in ready cash at a time when he is glad to handle money for other things. The best breeds are Merino with two crosses of Shropshire. Oxford sheep are larger and heavier, but they need more care at lambing than the Shropshire. The best breed of sheep are those well woolled, for those that are bare underneath will soon chill when left out, but the Shropshires are able to withstand the cold, being a well woolled sheep. They have vigorous lambs that can quickly get on their feet and are soon marketable.

## VOODOO RITES FATAL TO GIRL.

Havana, Dec. 26.—The murder of the six-year-old white girl, Eugenia Fernandez, on November 25, at Artemisa, in the province of Pinar Del Rio, in connection with the practice of "Voodooism," is attributed to two negroes, Lajose De La Cruz and Eugenio Cardenas, now under arrest.

According to those who investigated the crime, the negroes obtained the consent of the parents to draw blood from the child's body for the purpose of curing a sick woman named Savadora Arjona. They went through the ceremonies in the presence of the parents, preparatory to taking the blood. The little girl was seized, but managed to free herself and ran to her mother, clinging to her skirts. This was repeated each time she saw the knife in the "wizard's" hand. The negroes then decided to wound the girl by an explosion of powder, but the explosion proved so violent that it killed the child.

## ANSWERS EMERGENCY CALL; DOCTOR FINDS DAUGHTER

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 26.—Dying from injuries received in an automobile accident, a 15-year-old girl was brought unconscious to the city hospital Christmas afternoon and placed on the operating table. Dr. Charles Wheeler, consulting surgeon was called. As he approached the operating table he almost collapsed. The girl was his daughter Anna, who had started from home a few hours before on a tour of Christ-

mas cheer among her friends. Stealing himself against his emotion, the father made an examination. He found that his daughter had received internal injuries that probably will result in her death.

With the assistance of Dr. Charles Drew and Dr. Gage, the father completed the examination. Then, on the verge of collapse, he was led moaning from the operating room.

## SIX STITCHES IN HEART; PATIENT DOING WELL.

New York, Dec. 26.—With six stitches taken in his heart Thursday night, Vincenzo Lauro, victim of a stabbing affray, is expected to live. When taken to the Holy Family hospital in Brooklyn, the surgeon decided that the operation was necessary. Because of the weakened condition of the patient no anaesthetic was given, but cocaine was used locally, the ribs above the heart were cut through and six stitches taken in the heart tissue. Late Thursday night the patient was improving so fast that the surgeons said they expected his recovery.



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## Seed Grain and Potatoes

By instructions of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture a distribution of superior sorts of grain and potatoes will be made during the coming winter and spring to Canadian farmers. The samples for general selection will consist of spring wheat (4 lbs), white oats (4 lbs), barley (4 lbs), and field peas (4 lbs). A distribution of potatoes (in 3 lb samples) will be carried out from government seed farms, the Central Farm at Ottawa supplying only the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. All samples will be sent free, by mail.

Applicants must give particulars in regard to the soil of their farms, and some account of their experience with such kinds of grain (or potatoes) as they have grown, so that a promising sort for their conditions may be selected.

Each application must be separate and must be signed by the applicant. Only one sample of grain and one of potatoes can be sent to each farm. Applications on any kind of printed form cannot be accepted. If two or more samples are asked for, the same letter only one will be sent.

As the supply of seed is limited, farmers are advised to apply early, but the applications will not necessarily be filled in the exact order in which they are received. The selection will always be given to the most thoughtful and explicit requests. Applications for potatoes, received by January 1st, will probably be too late.

All applications for grain (and applications from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec for potatoes) should be addressed to the Dominion Cerealist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. If otherwise addressed delay and disappointment may occur. Applications for potatoes from farmers in any other province should be addressed (postage prepaid) to the Superintendent of the nearest branch of the Experimental Farm in that province.

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The Mistake of His Life

Bluffer blundered into the club, limed his hat down on the table with a derisive, resounding bang, and flung himself into an easy chair.

What a wrong day, Bluffer? You look bad.

I'll never forget myself. I kicked a man out of my house last night!

Humph! I've kicked out many a one. Young fellow, suppose?

No; just middle age.

Well, these old coppers have no business coming around courting young girls. I would have kicked him out myself.

Yes, but I have found out since that this man wasn't courting my daughter. He was after my mother-in-law.

Up to Date

What are you giving your cows now in the way of galactagogue?

The irrigation professor of the museum.

Oh, said the milkman, who has just been graduated from Purdue and is not to be stampeded by his college pedagogy, their substance is made of vegetable origin; rich in chlorophyll and content in nitrogenous qualities.

A pint, if you please, said the professor.

Git up! said the milkman.

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## Sties and Sons

John Clark, aged eighty-two, has been placed in charge of the national office of the Sties and Sons.

Don Carlos Morla Lynch, minister of foreign affairs of Chile, has been presented with the cross of the Order of the Star of the South Sea.

John MacVicar, the specialist in municipal government, is a native of Canada. He served two terms as mayor of Des Moines, where the Des Moines was originated, and is now member of the city council and superintendent of the department of streets and public improvements.

General Carlo Canova, on whom the Australian emperor recently conferred a high decoration, commanded the first expedition of Italian troops in Tripoli in 1911 and was the first governor of the new Italian colony on the northern coast of Africa. He holds the highest rank in the army after the king himself that of "national deserter."

Was He Backed

Though a benevolent old gentleman and a kind employer, Mr. Jones decided that, as far as his other-boy, Alexander Kaldwin, was concerned, the limit of his patience had been reached.

The boy must be sacked.

He had arrived a quarter of an hour late yesterday, ten minutes late the day before, and this morning—Mr. Jones glanced at the office clock—the lad was already twenty minutes over.

Precisely nine minutes later he entered the office in the quiet, unobtrusive manner of one prepared for trouble.

A horrid excuse ensued. Then, and what excuse have you got this morning? demanded Mr. Jones in the fiercest voice that he could muster.

The—er—ice on the pavement, sir! stammered Master Alexander. It—er—every step I—er—took—I—er—slipped back two.

Mr. Jones glared at the lad.

Indeed! he remarked with calm deliberation. Then, pray, how did you get here at all?

Never thought I should sir, replied the incorrigible one, suddenly and happily inspired—that is, till I decided to turn back home.

Willie Was the Patient

Small of stature, pale, and troubled-looking, Willie was inclined to be the best of his fellow-schoolmates.

They were teasing and worrying him. Who is your doctor? was a favorite question from the bullies.

Let go hard as the usual offensive word was flung at his diminished head.

I haven't any doctor at all, remark said the boy, with a gasp.

Then, do you ever take any medicine? was the next question.

Oh, don't I! Willie beamed. Father, a dentist, mother's a homoeopath, my eldest sister's joined the ambulance corps, grandpa, great aunt, over every saw medicine, and uncle's a vet.

Added, with a far-away look in his eyes, and all their profiles on me.

An Artist

That woman can do anything with figures.

What is she? a bookkeeper?

No, she's a dressmaker.

Some men are born good; others have goodness thrust upon them by their wives.

Shill, L. Labor

He walked into the employment agency wearing a smile as a born-tired look, as well as a few other things.

Any vacancies for a man?

As he asked, he arranged himself comfortably along the counter.

What's your trade, profession?

My trade or profession, he repeated, yawning. It's a corporation problem.

I said said the clerk drily. No, we have nothing in that line open just now.

I'd take something else if it suited me and I thought I could do it properly.

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Well, replied the born-tired, I would not mind calling out the names of the stations on board an Atlantic liner, or something of that sort?

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Thousands of sheets of flypaper spread on the ground before the entrance to the hut.

Then suddenly the lionesses were lured and the lions came bounding out—into the flypaper.

Of course it stuck to their paws, and when they tried to lick it off it stuck to their faces and heads.

The lions promptly forgot all about human beings, and their wild endeavors to get rid of the flypaper, rolled over and over on the ground, roaring and fighting for breath.

Then a man and his followers rushed forward with long ropes, lassoed the plunging lions and tied them up—strapped and all.

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Why, indeed?

A certain captain had been lecturing his new recruits at a strength on the Duties of a Soldier.

At last he thought the time had come to bid adieu, and he had turned to go.

Cast his eye over the room, he fixed it on Private Murphy as his first victim.

Frieze Murphy, he asked, why should a soldier be ready to die for his country?

The private scratched his head for a while; then an insubordinating smile flitted across his face.

Sure, captain, he said, pleasantly, you're quite right. Why should he?

James started his third helping of pudding with delight.

Once upon time, James, admonished his mother, there was a little boy who ate too much pudding and he burst!

James considered. There ain't no such thing as too much pudding, he said.

There must be, contended his mother, else why did the little boy burst?

James passed his plate for the fourth time, saying: Not enough boy!

Going to the blackboard the teacher wrote this sentence: The horse and the cow was in the stable.

Now children, he said, there is something wrong with that sentence. Who can correct it and tell why it is wrong?

One small boy waved his hand excitedly and the teacher called upon him.

It's wrong, he said with importance. It ought to be the cow and the horse was in the stable, because ladies always ought to go first.

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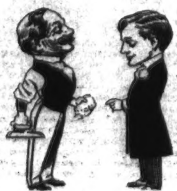
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### C. P. R. Brakeman Killed

A sad accident happened Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock in the C. P. R. yards here, as a result of which Thomas Newcombe, brakeman on the east freight, was instantly killed. How the accident occurred is not known, but it is supposed that the unfortunate man slipped on the frosty rail and fell beneath the car he was in the act of coupling. Death was instantaneous, the body being mangled in a terrible manner.

What makes the accident particularly distressing is the fact that deceased was married only a few months ago, his young wife residing in Red Deer, where the funeral will take place.

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